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Moi assumes leadership

President Kenyatta dies

NAIROBI, Aug. 22 (Agencies) — Jomo Kenyatta, who led Kenya to independence and inspired nationalism in other African colonies, died in his sleep Tuesday.

Kenyatta, jailed by British authorities as a leader of the bloody Mau Mau rebellion in the 1950's, was president of Kenya for nearly 14 years. He was about 89.

The nation of 16 million was stunned when the state radio announced that Kenyatta — known as "Burning Spear" to his Kikuyu tribesmen — died peacefully at his presidential residence in the Indian Ocean port of Mombasa at 3:30 a.m. (0030 GMT).

Shops and offices shut in Nairobi and Mombasa as the radio told the people to remain calm "at this moment of shock."

Daniel Arap Moi, vice-president since 1967, was sworn in as acting head of state.

Moi, regarded as the favorite to succeed Kenyatta, will have limited presidential powers for 90 days in which time a new leader must be elected under the constitution.

The cabinet met in state house on the outskirts of Nairobi after Kenyatta's body was



Jomo Kenyatta

ing oratory, moulded Kenya into a viable, stable and prosperous country.

A revered father figure to his people, he was also a respected and influential voice in African politics.

With jewelled fly whisk in hand, he ruled the east African state with a power that was unchallenged over the years since he became the first president in December, 1964 — exactly a year after independence. Kenyatta had a history of heart trouble and rarely travelled outside Kenya.

The radio did not disclose the cause of death.

His lifetime saw the arrival of European missionaries, construction of a railway to the Kenyan highlands, the transition to independence and development of one of the most modern economies in Africa.

Kenyatta was hailed by government leaders Tuesday as an "inspired leader," an "untiring fighter for freedom and independence," and "a major figure of our time."

British Prime Minister James Callaghan called him an "inspired leader" of the former British colony.

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Israel declines to facilitate U.N. South Lebanon mission

TEL AVIV, Aug. 22 (Agencies) — United Nations Under-Secretary-General Brian Urquhart finished his mission to Israel Tuesday, having apparently failed to enlist Israel's support for deploying Lebanese government forces in South Lebanon.

Government sources said Israeli leaders declined to offer assistance in smoothing a way for the Lebanese troops through rightist enclaves in South Lebanon's Eastern Sector.

Urquhart held talks Monday with Foreign Minister Mo-

she Dayan, Defense Minister Ezer Weizman and the Israeli chief of staff, Maj.-Gen. Rafael Eitan.

U.N. sources said Urquhart had hoped the Israelis would seek to persuade Lebanese right-wing militiamen to let through the Lebanese government forces that had been pinned down for three weeks near the town of Kawkaba.

Urquhart flew from here to Beirut where he briefed officials on his Israeli talks and was due to return Tuesday night to catch a plane for New York.

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U.N. sources said that commanders of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) are growing increasingly anxious at the failure to deploy Lebanese government forces in the area.

Reestablishing Beirut government authority in the South is a major part of the UNIFIL mandate. It was one of the chief reasons U.N. troops were sent to take over control from the Israeli forces who invaded South Lebanon last March.

UNIFIL's six-month mandate is due to expire Sept. 18. U.N. commanders had hoped to have Lebanese regular troops substantially deployed by then.

But U.N. sources said Israeli leaders and the rightist forces they support apparently share an apprehension that the Lebanese regular troops are at least partly controlled by Syria, and would introduce Syrian influence south of the strategic Litani River.

U.N. commanders estimate that UNIFIL now controls about 70 per cent of the area prescribed by its mandate. But there is little sign of Lebanese right-wing readiness to budge from the remaining 30 per cent, U.N. sources said.

Meanwhile in Beirut two shells fell in the port area Tuesday but there was no reports of casualties or damage.

A communiqué issued by the Arab peacekeeping force said two shells fell in the port area Tuesday morning in an attempt to paralyze work inside the harbor.

Saudi swimmer wins Channel

DOVER, England, Aug. 22 (AP) — Alawi Mekki, an amateur Saudi swimmer, beat 11 professionals and two other amateurs to the French coast Tuesday to win an English Channel race sponsored by Prince Faisal Ibn Fahd.

The Channel Swimming Association said he reached France a little over 10 hours after leaving here.

There was a 1,000-pound (\$1,940) prize for the first professional to finish the crossing.

Fourteen swimmers from nine countries started the race but two Italians and a Syrian dropped out after about six hours. Currents in the mid-channel were reported strong. Prince Faisal is president of the International Long Distance Swimming Federation.

In Kingdom

Microwave network expansion planned

TAIF, Aug. 22 (SPA) — Saudi exporters are now free to ship any items, including crops with no restrictions.

The principle was endorsed Monday evening at a two-hour session of the Council of Ministers chaired by Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah.

Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani said the Cabinet listened to reports by the minister of finance and national economy and agriculture and water.

He added that the exceptional circumstances, if the export of a locally produced item has to be banned or the re-export of an imported article is to be prohibited, an ad hoc ministerial commission would decide.

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Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal

Yamani said that at the beginning of the session the Cabinet listened to a report

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Riad says:

Gap between Arabs narrowing

SANA'A, Aug. 22 (Agencies) — Arab League Secretary-General Mamoud Riad believes that the gap between conflicting opinions in the Arab world has been narrowed.

But he also believes that much work has to be done and many questions resolved before an Arab summit conference can be convened.

Riad was speaking to reporters here Monday after a two-and-a-half-hour meeting with North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh.

He later flew to Khartoum on the last leg of his seven-day tour aimed at healing the rift in the Arab world following Egypt's peace overtures to Israel. Riad returned to Cairo Tuesday night.

Riad told reporters after his talks with President Saleh: "There is some sort of narrowing in the gap between the different opinions which have

been expressed."

Meanwhile in Kuwait, Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah said Tuesday Egypt had proposed that

the Arab League's summit

be held at ministerial level.

He told reporters the proposa

l was contained in a message

he received Tuesday from Egyptian Foreign Minister Ibrahim Kamel.

The council usually meets at

the League's headquarters in Cairo either at ambassadorial or foreign ministers' level.

But Sudan proposed that the

Sept. 12 meeting be switched to Khartoum in an attempt to

secure attendance by the 22

member-states, including those

opposed to Sadat's initiative.

Informed sources said Kamel

was not expected to attend the Khartoum meeting

as he would accompany

President Sadat to the Sept. 5

summit meeting between Egypt, Israel and the United States at Camp David, Maryland.

Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali would represent Egypt at the Khartoum meeting, the sources said.

Troops in full battle dress carrying automatic rifles patrolled

the terminal area. More were

deployed along the perimeter

roads and carried out

spot checks on passing

cars. Security in the capital

and at Heathrow Airport has

been heavily stepped up

after the machine gun and

grenade attack on an El Al air-

crew bus in central London in

which two persons died.

A Defense Ministry official

said the exercise at the airport

was part of police counter-

terrorism precautions. He de-

cided to say whether it had been

planned before or after Sun-

day's shooting.

But it was seen as a show

of strength following Israeli

accusations that lax British

security was partly responsible

for the attack.

Meanwhile London Police

Chief David McNeice and Home

Secretary (Interior Minister) Merlyn Rees Tuesday decided

to stick to their ban on security

guards carrying guns.

Israel has repeatedly asked

for its guards to be allowed to

have guns. Informed sources

said a request was made two

months ago for Israeli guards

at Heathrow to be armed.

An Israeli air hostess and a

commander blown up by grena-

de were killed in the attack

outside a Mayfair Hotel on

Sunday. Nine more persons

were injured, including another

hostess who is critically ill. Po-

lice are still interviewing a man

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PLO pays tribute for Saudi support

TAIF, Aug. 22 (SPA) —

Chairman of the Palestine Libera-

tion Organization Yasser

Arafat

reiterated the King-

dom's firm position toward the

Palestine problem and the right

of the Palestinians to determine

their homeland and future.

Arafat, who left here Tues-

day

held talks with King Khud-

dar

Fahd

"which aimed at unifying

the Arab ranks."

According to the Agency

Arab

warned of the current

situation in Lebanon and said

that the Phalangist-Liber-

party

alliance

"openly and com-

pletely cooperate with the Zao-

nist enemy against the Arab

nation."

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Cabinet agrees to ease restrictions on exports

TAIF, Aug. 22 — SR23 million have been allocated to expand the Kingdom's microwave network. PTT Minister Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal told "Arab News" Tuesday.

Medical certificate warning given by Ministry of Health

TAIF, Aug. 22 (SPA)—The Health Ministry Tuesday sent a circular to all state hospitals and dispensaries warning them about giving a medical report or a medical leave certificate to any company or factory worker unless he holds a letter from his employer addressed to the hospital.

The ministry statement mentioned some exceptions, however, including emergencies, cases which require hospitalization from firms whose total personnel strength does not exceed 100 and cases from firms employing no more than 50 workers.

The Health Ministry said that intensive contacts were underway by health directorates in various parts of the Kingdom to draw up a comprehensive list of names of firms employing no more than 50 persons to implement the order.

The ministry also issued another circular containing some additions to the regulations on medical examinations at clinics, hospitals, dis-

Islamic chamber body to meet in Jeddah Sept. 17.

JEDDAH, Aug. 22 (SPA)—The task force entrusted with finalizing the project of setting up an Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry will meet here Sept. 17.

Sheikh Ismail Abu Daoud, president of Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry, said that high on the agenda will be the draft constitution of the new chamber.

The proposed constitution will specify the means to promote cooperation and coordination among the chambers of commerce of Islamic countries.

pensaries and private clinics.

Among them was an order to all doctors in those facilities to print accountable re-

July oil exports 6.7 m bd

JEDDAH, Aug. 22 (SPA)—Saudi Arabia's daily average of oil exports in July stood almost the same as that of June, according to figures released Tuesday.

A statement by the Ministry of Oil and Mineral Wealth said exports in July were 6,746,674 barrels per day compared with 6,935,968 in June.

Aramco, the biggest producer, exported 6,593,909 barrels per day. Exports for the other two operating companies Arabian Oil Ltd. (Japan) and Getty were 106,044 and 46,721 respectively.

Asir service honored by governor

ABHA, Aug. 22 (SPA)—Governor of Asir Prince Khaled Al-Faisal held a reception Monday evening to honor a number of people who have rendered exemplary services to the country.

Addressing the gathering, the governor outlined the government's policy of honoring those who worked sincerely in the service of their country and King.

Prince Khaled announced the names of those who merited the appreciation of the governorate this year, by helping in the development of the Kingdom in fields that included the armed forces, public security, education, health and agriculture.

ceit books of an original and a copy. The original must be handed over to the auditor, while the copy must be kept in a file to be shown to commissions applying the new official rates.

According to the note, those services were also urged to keep all Saudi dailies, magazines and religious books in the waiting rooms for both men and women.

Unlicensed money-changers told to stop

RIYADH, Aug. 22 (SPA)—The Ministry of Commerce Tuesday asked unauthorized money changers or those not included in the commercial register to stop trading within six months.

It also directed all money changers who possess valid permits from the ministry or commercial register certificates to display them in a prominent place.

An official of the ministry said that any trader, establishment or company indulging in exchange or banking activities without obtaining permission from the authorities will be liable to the consequences.

Senegal aide arrives for pilgrimage

JEDDAH, Aug. 22 (SPA)—Senegalese Minister of Rural Development Gabriel Sime arrived here Monday evening to perform the minor pilgrimage and visit the Holy Prophet's Mosque.

He was met at the airport by the Senegalese ambassador and embassy staff.

Cameron's Finance Minister Hamoud Mustafa left Jeddah for Medina Tuesday to visit the Holy Prophet Mosque. He arrived here Monday evening to perform the minor pilgrimage.



FOREIGN MINISTERS: Foreign Minister Prince Saad Al-Faisal meets his North Yemeni counterpart Abdullah Al-Assiri in Taif Saturday evening.

IDB signs equity sharing accord with Pakistan firm

JEDDAH, Aug. 22 (SPA)—A one million Islamic dinar (\$2.5 million) equity sharing agreement was signed here Monday between the Islamic Development Bank and the Pakistani wool and textile company Lorance Pour.

IDB President Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali signed the accord with Al-Sayed Hassan Daud, the company's representative.

He told newsmen that the deal will help the company renovate and expand its plant and produce all types of textiles in new international designs.

Dr. Abdul Rahman Hersi, aide to Somali President Muhammad Siad Barre, left Jeddah for Abu Dhabi Tuesday after a four-day visit to Saudi Arabia.

Hersi held talks with the Is-

lamic Development Bank cooperation with Somalia.

He was seen off at the port by Bank President Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali.

Afghans nabbed over fraud in carpet sales

JEDDAH, Aug. 22 (T): Afghani nationals have been arrested in the Central Provinces for selling carpets they bought in Jeddah, "Al-Jaz" newspaper reported.

The Commerce Ministry said that the three had entered Saudi Arabia with pilgrimage visit visas.

Each one was fined SR1,000, the cars and merchandise seized and the three persons expelled.

Illiteracy eradication day will be celebrated Sept. 8

Sept. 8, as part of the international celebrations.

On this occasion, it will explain the efforts of the state to wipe out illiteracy, to educate the public on different programs and projects in connection with the literacy drive and to educate older people in all parts of the country.

The ministry intends to use every type of publicity to explain the harms of illiteracy and the Kingdom's fight against it. Seminars and lectures will be held to persuade illiterates to

join schools and to urge the educated to help them.

Real estate panel meets in Taif

TAIF, Aug. 22 (SPA)—The Joint Real Estate Committee held a meeting here Monday, presided over by Prince Naif, minister of the interior.

The committee reviewed some reports connected with real estate and has made urgent recommendations which will soon be submitted for Royal approval.

Prince Naif said after the meeting that the committee will continue to meet regularly to consider observations and suggestions submitted to it by the authorities, individuals or establishments, with a view to achieving justice between the landlord and the tenant.

He said that such a decision will help create the right conditions for Saudi students in the United States to solve any problems.



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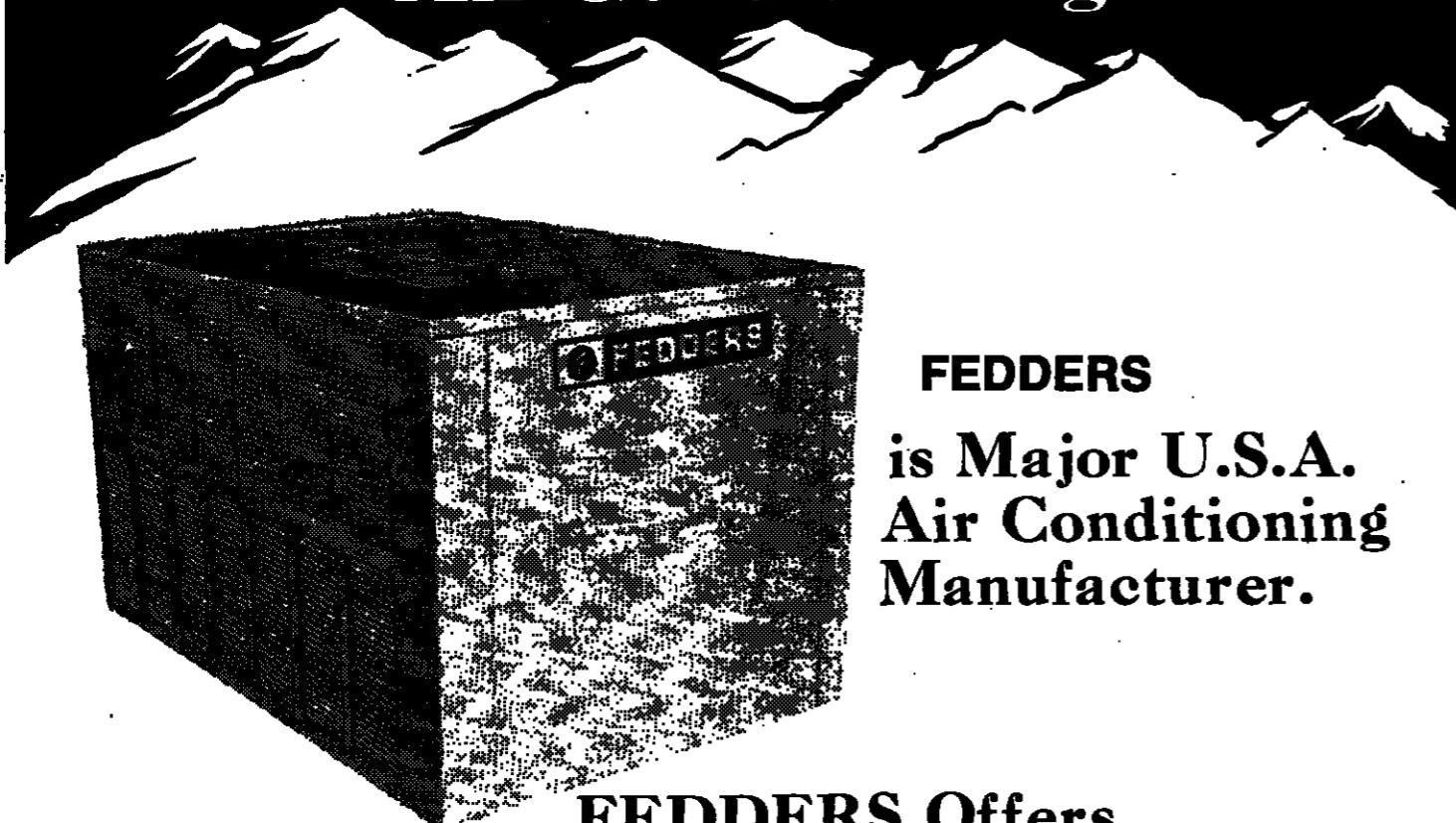
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Jedidah

Libya names assassin of Iraqi military aide

NICOSIA, Aug. 22 (AP)—

Libya disclosed Tuesday that the man who was assassinated in front of the Iraqi embassy in Tripoli last week was the

Rejection front to boycott PCC meeting in Damascus

BEIRUT, Aug. 22 (R)—The

Palestine Rejection Front, which groups organizations opposed to a negotiated Middle East settlement, said Tuesday the front would not attend the meeting of the Palestine Central Council (PCC) which was due to open in Damascus later Tuesday night.

The PCC serves as a liaison body between the Palestine

Organization's (PLO) Executive Committee and the Palestine National Council (PNC)—parliament in-exile.

A front source told Reuters the Rejection Front has presented a plan to the PCC on the national unity between the Palestine resistance "fac-

IPI urges Sadat to end harassment of pressmen

LONDON, Aug. 22 (AP)—The International Press Institute in London appealed to Egyptian President Anwar Sadat to end the harassment of Egyptian journalists.

In a cable sent to Sadat's office, institute director Peter Galliner said the IPI was "greatly concerned" about the reported ban on the work of leading Egyptian journalist Mustapha Amin, the sixth reported case of a ban and government investigation of the work of an Egyptian reporter.

Death toll rises to 175 in blasted Beirut building

BEIRUT, Aug. 22 (R)—The death toll in an explosion which wrecked a Beirut building housing the military command of a pro-Iraqi Palestinian commando group has risen to at least 175, informed Palestinian sources said Tuesday.

They said 90 persons were still being treated for injuries sustained in the Aug. 13 explosion which leveled an eight-story building used by the radical Palestine Liberation Front (PLF).

member of the Fateh Palestinian commando group.

The attacker, Hussein Muhammad Ali, was shot Aug. 17 as he was walking up embassy steps. He died a short time later on the way to hospital.

Egyptian passerby and embassy employees overpowered the assailant and seized his gun.

JANA said Kayed, who is under arrest, arrived in Tripoli Aug. 14 from Damascus, Syria, with a Jordanian passport and urged support for the Palestinians in liberating their homeland.

Speeches at the meeting condemned Israeli occupation of Muslim holy places and urged support for the Palestinians in liberating their homeland.

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Prisoners rampage at Australian jail

SYDNEY, Aug. 22 (R) — Prisoners tried to break out of Australia's largest jail Tuesday during a riot in which buildings were burned and 30 inmates were injured.

Hundreds of police and firemen surrounded the 50-acre Long Bay jail site during the two-hour riot while guards inside drove back prisoners who stormed the main gate.

The injured prisoners included 17 who suffered burns when they were briefly trapped in blazing buildings.

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The rioters, who were among 1,200 prisoners in the jail, lit fires in three of the six wings, destroying a workshop and library and damaging several other buildings on the prison grounds on Sydney's eastern suburbs.

Hickey said guards had expected trouble for the past week since security was stepped up after recent escape attempts. Guidelines allowing prisoners to attend education courses outside the jail were tightened and other restrictions were imposed.

Monday night prison authorities transferred about 50 prisoners from the block where the riot started to jails outside Sydney because they were regarded as troublemakers.

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President Jimmy Carter intensified pressure for passage with a statement on Monday calling the measure "a major human rights priority of my administration."

"Virtually every other country in the free world already provides full voting representation to the citizens of its capital city," Carter said.

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Dollar stages brief rally after Fed's discount bid

LONDON, Aug. 22 (AP) — The U.S. dollar's brief rally on European exchange markets following Federal Reserve Board action ended Tuesday as the price of gold rose.

Dealers in Frankfurt, bankers in Paris and stockbrokers in London agreed that unless Washington comes up with more cheering news about the ailing U.S. economy, the dollar's slide will continue.

Tuesday's only bright spot for the dollar was in Tokyo, where it closed trading at 31.70 yen, up slightly from Monday's close of 190.15 yen. The dollar had gained ground in the European money since Monday after the Federal Reserve Board moved to tighten U.S. credit. America's central

banking authority increased the discount rate from 7.25 to 7.74 per cent. That is the rate banks must pay to borrow money from the Fed.

A Frankfurt dealer said the discount rate increase "isn't enough to turn around the dollar. It brought some temporary euphoria, but we need to see something more or the dollar decline will continue."

Late dollar rates in major European financial centers Tuesday, compared with Monday's late rates:

Zurich—1,6570 Swiss francs, down from 1,6687 francs.

Frankfurt—1,9990 West German marks, down from 2,0100 marks.

Paris—4,3825 French francs, down from 4,3925 francs.

Milan—839 Italian lire, down

from 840.75 lire. Amsterdam—2,1590 Dutch guilders, down from 2,1738 guilders.

In London it took \$1,9295 to buy one British pound, slightly more than Monday's late rate of \$1,9285 to the pound sterling.

Gold did not regain the ground it has lost since Friday's closing \$210.375 per troy ounce.

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U.S. reports good prospects for Indonesian oil drilling

JAKARTA, Indonesia, Aug. 22 (AP) — The U.S. embassy here reports some good prospects for Indonesian oil exploration in the remainder of 1978,

but cites some negative factors in production.

The report said new incentives for exploration, high level assurances and favorable revision

of a U.S. Internal Revenue Service ruling that exempts U.S. companies from double taxation were positive factors in exploration.

The report said the United States and Japan will continue to be Indonesia's main export markets despite efforts to diversify sales to Australia and Indonesia's Asian neighbors.

By volume, Japan bought 48 per cent of Indonesian exports while the United States took 37 per cent in 1977.

However, the report said Indonesia's oil production, which averaged 1.7 million barrels daily in the first half of 1978, "could decline in the months ahead, reflecting the low level of explorations in the past two years."

Indonesian officials have indicated that there were possibilities of a 5 per cent decline in production in 1978 and 1979, the report said.

The other setback, according to the report, are the uncertainties in marketing and new investment. This could be compounded by the rapid growth of domestic energy consumption, the report said.

Other negative factors include the increased production of the relatively cheap Alaskan crude on the U.S. west coast and more use of hydro-power and gas in California.

Iraqi minister in Ankara for talks on oil payments

ANKARA, Aug. 22 (R) — Iraqi Planning Minister Adnan Hussein arrived here Tuesday to talk with Turkish leaders

which are expected to involve discussion of Turkey's \$300 million oil debt to Baghdad.

Hussein, who is also a member of Iraq's Revolutionary Command Council, was met at the airport by Energy Minister Deniz Baykal, who recently cancelled a planned visit to Iraq at short notice.

Uninformed sources said the Iraqis had wanted to discuss the debt issue with Premier Batur Ecevit, who Hussein said he would be meeting during his stay.

During talks here last month, the sources said the Iraqis asked to 400,000 tonnes of Turkish wheat in part payment of the oil, but that Turkish officials said they could only guarantee to supply 135,000 tonnes.

The problem over the pay-

ments for oil led Iraq to cut oil supplies through a jointly-operated pipeline last January, although supplies for third countries have continued flowing.

The debt arose even though Turkey gave priority to payments for oil when it suspended payments for most imports in February last year as a result of an acute shortage of foreign exchange.

Turkish officials said the agenda for the formal talks included a Turkish request for new credits from Iraq of between 200 and \$250 million, and for the supply of six million tonnes of crude oil annually through the pipeline.

The Turks are also seeking an increase in both agricultural and industrial exports to Iraq.

Baykal told reporters that the visit would also give an opportunity for an examination of political relations between the two neighboring states.



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- PIPES/TILES/TIMBER/GEN.
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Sea law conference resumes

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 22 (AP) — The U.N. conference on the law of the sea resumed Monday and the chief U.S. delegate said he was hopeful the four-week session would "move us closer to the goal of a mutually acceptable comprehensive treaty" on sea law.

But Ambassador Elliot L. Richardson, briefing reporters, also said that unless the final treaty gave "assured access to seabed minerals," the United States would not accept it no matter what other benefits it might yield.

American corporations are among those in several industrialized countries now gearing up to mine nodules of manganese, nickel, copper, cobalt and other minerals that lie on the unclaimed ocean floor.

One of the questions the conference is stuck on is how much leeway private and state-owned companies should be given to mine these nodules as against an international seabed authority that the treaty would set up to generate mining revenues for the benefit of developing countries.

The U.S. House of Representatives, by a vote of 312-80, last month approved a bill that would let American firms start such mining after 1980. The bill is awaiting Senate committee consideration.

Australia criticizes U.S. aviation policy

CANBERRA, Australia, Aug. 22 (AP) — The U.S. aviation policy announced by U.S. President Jimmy Carter did not seem to have much regard for the interests of the smaller nations of the world, Australian Transport Minister Peter Nixon said Tuesday.

Nixon told parliament Carter seemed to be taking the approach that America, with a population of 240 million people and control of almost half the world's airlines, could go its own way on airline policy.

A visit by an Australian negotiating team to the United States, to discuss the proposal for continental airlines to become the third carrier between the United States and Australia and lower air fares on the route, had been scheduled for next week.

The Australian government had received a message Tuesday asking for the talks to be postponed because of difficulties at the U.S. end, Nixon said.

Of this total, the agency said, 170 companies and vessels were American. The rest belonged to Britain, Canada, Holland, Japan, Sweden, Switzerland, West Germany, Belgium, Italy, Brazil and France, the agency added.

It said these companies and ships were banned from doing any business with Iraq or from calling on Iraqi ports in accordance with the Arab League boycott.

Syria also announced Tuesday it has blacklisted an undisclosed number of ships flying Italian, British, West German, Swedish, Norwegian, Dutch, Panamanian ships.

The Syrian official news agency SANA said all the ships were accused of violating Arab boycott rules that are applied against Israel.

Favors SDRs

Turkey ready to abandon link with U.S. dollar

ISTANBUL, Aug. 22 (R) — Turkish Finance Minister Ziya Muezzinoglu has indicated that Turkey was ready to abandon its 34-year link with the U.S. dollar in favor of Special Drawing Rights (SDR).

The Turkish currency has always been attached to the dollar, he told reporters on his return from the United States. But he said this had meant certain drawbacks, especially with the dollar's loss of value in the last few weeks.

The minister said several countries had decided to peg their currencies to Special Drawing Rights.

Considering Turkey's relations in the economic field, it would be correct to switch to SDR's, he said.

Muezzinoglu said that forming a special basket of currencies on which to base the lira "would not make much difference."

There have been widespread reports in the past few days that Turkey is about to move away from the dollar. At the weekend, it devalued the Turkish lira against major European currencies by between three and 15 per cent, but left the rate for the dollar at 25.

Economic Briefs

• TEHRAN: Japanese Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda will visit Iran for four days from September 5 during his first Middle East tour, it was announced here. He is expected to have an audience with the Shah of Iran, and the announcement said he would discuss expansion of political, economic and cultural relations between Japan and Iran.

• NEW DELHI: America and the Soviet Union joined developing nations Tuesday in a united attack on protectionism. Echoed by China, Japan and the European Common Market, they delivered a series of warnings on the dangers of trade restrictions to a 28-nation conference of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP).

• TORONTO: Air Canada's 1,700 pilots voted overwhelmingly for a strike to back their new contract demands but spokesman for both the pilots and Air Canada said they are willing to resume negotiations before the strike deadline of 3 a.m. Thursday. Captain Norman Foster, chairman of the Canadian Air Line Pilots Association's Executive Council, said the union is open to further negotiation and an offer by Air Canada before 7 p.m. Wednesday could avert a strike.

• BUJUMBURA: The United States and the small Central African nation of Burundi have signed an agreement to cooperate in the development of peat production which could provide this country with a cheap, alternative form of energy. Officials at the foreign ministry said supplies of peat were huge in the country and could be used as a household and industrial fuel to replace wood and expensive oil.

• UNION ENTERPRISE: The British Airport Authority is seeking a court injunction to stop the airline Air India from selling cheap standby tickets at London's Heathrow Airport, the BAA said Tuesday. A spokesman said an application for a temporary injunction would be made to a high court judge on Thursday. The BAA contends that sale of the standby tickets at Heathrow adds to congestion at the airport, which is already overcrowded.

• DAMASCUS: Syria has announced it would not import food from any neighboring countries where there have been cholera outbreaks.

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Jordanian Dinar	11,25	11,15
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PEACE QUEST

The tour of the Arab League Secretary General Mahmoud Riad has confirmed the absence of common grounds that would make possible the convening of an Arab summit conference. Mr. Riad, who early on in his tour noted the Arab differences had narrowed, returned to Cairo with the conclusions that divisions persisted and that a summit must be ruled out under the present circumstances.

All depends on the outcome of the Camp David meeting between President Anwar Sadat and Israel's Menahem Begin. The only meaningful work until Sept. 5 will be to keep the lid on Arab differences and stop their growth. The Arab League hopes that the scheduled conference of foreign ministers in Khartoum on Sept. 12 will provide the right forum to analyze the Camp David talks and consider options for the future. But as the American-sponsored talks are taking place only a week before the Khartoum conference, it has been noted that there is not enough time between the two meetings to absorb the outcome of the first. Syria has already demanded the postponement of the Khartoum conference from Sept. 12 to 19 while Egypt has requested a meeting in Khartoum "at the level of experts" to prepare for a later conference of the foreign ministers, preferably in New York where the Arab ministers will gather for the opening of the U.N. General Assembly session in the third week of September.

So far the only countries which have approved the date of the Khartoum conference are those which traditionally shoule Arab mediation efforts. Their interest is in eliminating differences as quickly as possible and restore unity of ranks, but it now appears that events have overtaken them. Lebanon has joined this list of countries not only because it wants the Arab states to approve the extension of the deterrent force's mandate by another six months. Lebanon has already announced that it plans to submit a formal request for an extension.

In the midst of all this wait-and-see atmosphere, Morocco has come out with a specific request for the holding of an Arab summit conference toward the end of September or early in October. On paper, this sounds like the most sensible idea because it gives the Arabs time after the Camp David conference to reach their own conclusions about what went on in the U.S.

At this point, it is difficult to predict whether the Moroccan idea will ever see the light because Arab divisions remain very discouraging. It may be easier to convene a restricted summit, at the time suggested by the Moroccans for the full-fledged summit, that would pave the way for a general gathering of the Arab heads of state. But that again rests solely on the outcome of the Camp David talks. Begin has already done more than one would expect even from him to sabotage the conference, starting with the policy of settlements and ending with his offer of a partial settlement with Egypt covering only part of Sinai. So if the conference fails it should be easier to bring the Arabs together to hammer out a common policy for the next phase in their struggle to wrest their occupied lands. If, on the other hand, the Camp David talks succeed, it must be assumed that the agreement calls for a just peace incorporating all the known Arab demands. In this case too, the Arabs will have to meet to consider how to introduce peace to their area.

saudi press review

Taking a broad view of international disturbances, an "Al-Medina" columnist mentioned battles in Beirut which had later engulfed the whole country. No sooner had the Horn of Africa storm subsided than we were taken with surprise by a "red revolution" in Afghanistan and the carnage in Aden and the rest of south Arabia.

The writer described these events as a fire that would burn everything in its way and hamstring those who had tried to put it out. The inferno now raging in Iran has drained its energies and still gains momentum day by day.

Many events are taking place in a relatively small area of the globe and almost in a very short period, the writer said, and he wondered whether it

could be just coincidence or whether it had its roots somewhere else.

He feared that the "blazing fire" may be the harbinger of a still more dangerous fire swallowing the whole world. He had also wondered if Zionist hands were involved in all these disturbances, with the aim of keeping the entire region in a state of instability and danger.

He was not inclined to believe that all these events were coincidental, and said "we must be prepared for more surprises unless Camp David brings forth something unexpected which may perhaps quell the fires."

In an editorial, "Al-Basid" noted that alternative energy has occupied a high place in

Saudi thinking and planning. In view of the importance of energy, Royal approval had been given to the Saudi National Center for Science and Technology, to be managed by a team of capable Saudi scientists and trainees; assisted by well-known foreign scientists.

The Kingdom gave every support to this center to enable it to become capable of achieving the Kingdom's aspirations in science and technology in general and in solar energy in particular.

The editorial observed that the Kingdom's thinking on solar energy confirms its far-sightedness and its interest in the developments taking place throughout the world.

This tendency, it said, will enable us to mould energy for

further progress and development of the country. The paper was convinced that solar energy will prove to be the most appropriate alternative to oil, or

at least a temporary support for the conventional energy sources.

In view of this, the newspaper said, we look forward to

this center with confidence, since any step that it takes today will have its far-reaching effect on our future progress and prosperity.

Carter, it turned out, basically did just that.

At 7:30 on June 9, the president convened his regular Friday breakfast meeting with his two top advisers on international affairs. Those attending, besides Vance and Brzezinski, were Vice President Walter Mondale, Defense Secretary Harold Brown and White House assistant Hamilton Jordan.

Carter said that the administration appeared to be speaking with more than one voice on foreign affairs and that he wanted it stopped, according to one knowledgeable source.

Carter is said to have observed that some of his officials were not exercising the same sort of discipline that he exercised before making a major policy statement — that is, checking off with all other departments

leisure or reservation about the president's policy — a large personal initiative — have been expressed by the army, its Gaulists and some of his supporters as well as French opposition parties, the Organization of African Unity and the Third World states.

But France is in no position to maintain its role even if it means abandoning Morocco, one of its closest allies in Africa.

Mauritania, the southern flank of the anti-Polisario axis, is visibly suffering. The war has ruined its economy, dependent on iron ore extract from the isolated mine at Zouerate with its 480-kilometer link to the sea. The mine at the rail line have been the target of guerrilla attacks.

The Mauritanian army has to be increased from 3,000 to 15,000 men in a matter of months to protect the line but is relied on Moroccan troops, French advisers, and a squadron of French air force Jaguar fighter bombers to stop the Polisario flying columns. While Morocco overextended in France worried by its increasing involvement in Chad and its threat to its threadbare economy in Zaire, there is little hope of reinforcements.

If France and Algeria see ready to underwrite the Mauritanian regime it is because both see it as favorable to their own policies. President Boumedienne secretly met Mauritanian leaders at the Khartoum OAU summit, the first meeting since 1975 and now sees Mauritania again as an ally.

President Giscard has been encouraged by reports assuring the new Mauritanian regime as pro-Western with choice but to tie their iron exports even closer with Western industry while continuing to seek aid from Arab countries. (G)

A Saharan 'peace dynamic'

By Paul Webster

PARIS — Diplomatic signals increasingly indicate that the conflict in the western Sahara could be coming to a close after three years of guerrilla warfare.

At the invitation of President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, who has supported Moroccan and Mauritanian claims to the former Spanish Sahara, President Félix Houphouët-Boigny of the Ivory Coast is to mediate after a series of peace initiatives. Spain has also said it will help.

If the moves are successful, they will confirm a sudden turn-around in the policies of the four countries involved — Morocco, Mauritania, France, and Algeria — and a possible modification of the demands of the Polisario Front seeking full independence for the territory. The Front has already declared a ceasefire.

The Algerian Foreign Minister, Abdellatif Bouteflika, who met President Giscard in Paris twice in July, said that he was convinced that there was "a peace dynamic" and "very many elements favoring optimism." The sentiment was confirmed by the president of the Ivory Coast after meeting Giscard.

The key event in the change was the coup in Mauritania on July 10 when President Mokhtar Ould Daddah was deposed after 18 years by his army chief-of-staff, Colonel Mustapha Salek. It was soon obvious that France and Algeria, whose relations were embittered by the three-year conflict, welcomed the change. Since the coup there has been a warm series of messages between Giscard and President Houari Boumedienne.

Technically, the western Sahara struggle is about the former Spanish colony of Rio de Oro, which has about 100,000 inhabitants. They were abandoned.

In the meantime, U.S. maneuverability rests on Saudi Arabia's willingness to continue larger than needed production levels, lower price levels, support of the dollar as the exchange currency for oil and financial support for favorable American institutions like the IMF and its own Treasury.

The desperation, then, is a desperate search for a binding quid pro quo. With growing rumors that the moderate Arab world was reorganizing a strong front behind a shelving of the Sadat initiative, the U.S. faced the possibility of losing its only remaining quid pro quo: the role of pressuring Israel.

Sadat's well-planned refusal to negotiate without the precondition of territorial withdrawal forces the admission that the U.S. has as much to lose in the Middle East as does Israel and Egypt — in some areas she actually could lose a great deal more.

Gone are the Kissinger days when a beleaguered Sadat could be enticed into a bilateral deal toward altering the position of the U.S. in the Middle East as does Israel and Egypt — in some areas she actually could lose a great deal more.

The cause is not psychological; it is financial. With Kissinger's "under-the-table diplomacy" or with Carter's "open diplomacy" the realities of U.S. dependence on the Middle East and on Saudi Arabia in particular are the paramount motivators.

In terms of our street fight scenario, then, Sadat was saying, "Look. This shop of yours can be shut down if our fighting doesn't stop. But, we are not going to stop unless you admit yourself as a full partner in our struggle. Either bring us to a settlement of this conflict by full participation or begin closing shop!" (Washington Bureau)

Vance had been prompted to voice his concern to Carter that recent public policy statements by Brzezinski were undercutting his ability to function effectively as secretary of state, according to informed sources.

Since that White House breakfast meeting on June 9, Brzezinski has made no public speeches and has turned down all requests to appear on television interview shows.

Details of how the months of mounting differences between Vance and Brzezinski and their staffs reached a climax were placed together in a series of interviews with senior officials in the Carter administration. The officials stressed that Brzezinski's role as Carter's closest staff adviser on national security remains unchanged. But they said he would be confining his energies to advising Carter internally, rather than serving as an on-the-record spokesman.

Vance had been prompted to voice his concern to Carter, according to a knowledgeable official, after Brzezinski had appeared on the May 8 "Meet the Press" television show and had sounded a hard-line attack on Soviet policies in Africa and elsewhere. Brzezinski's comments were harsher than

Powell's advice to Carter, it was learned, that Carter should get together with his top officials and instruct them to make sure they were speaking with "one voice," rather than the varied degrees of emphasis and tone that gave the impression that the administration was vacillating on central policy issues.

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Summitry as arbitration

By Dennis Winters

WASHINGTON — Enough has been said about the importance of the Sept. 5 Camp David summit; but, what about the meaning of this sudden, dramatic event? Why now? And why the sense of desperation?

In general, there is wide agreement that Carter feels the Sadat initiative is finished unless something is done to urge the parties along the negotiating track and also that, if Carter fails in this summit, his prestige and, more importantly, the U.S. role as mediator in the Middle East could be lost.

Somehow, these answers leave the question of desperation rather unsatisfied. Even if Sadat refused to continue negotiations without preconditions, he has done that before.

Negotiations could jerk back to life under some other pretext or in response to another event.

Probably the most telling administration statements indicate the concern of the Carter people to forestall unmanageable setting of the problem at Camp David. According to one official, the summit was called "not because the chances for peace are high, but the stakes in peace are very high; not because the prospects for peace are so good but that the risks have, in fact, risen."

This is not the optimism of an administration that, like the ones in Kissinger's days, has already accomplished some sort of settlement and is only creating a stage to gain maximum world opinion benefit.

But the semantics of other statements are even more suggestive. For months, Sadat has been asking the U.S. to be a "full partner." World press has been calling on Carter to be an "arbiter" instead of merely a "mediator."

The situation is not unlike that of two men fighting in front of a shop. A disinterested party steps in between the two combatants and urges them to stop for their own well-being. Failing that, he urges them to move away from

the crowds and talk it over.

In any case, once the effort at peace-making ends, the "arbiter" can usually walk away unbothered.

An "arbiter" is quite a different position altogether. Considering the same two men fighting in front of the same shop. Suddenly, the shop owner comes out shouting, "Stop! Stop! You are hurting my business; you are chasing my customers away; you are blocking my deliveries to my door." If the two refuse to stop, the arbiter, unlike the mediator, can't simply walk away. If he wants to continue business, he must become a "full partner" in the conflict; by joining, the fight or getting someone else to force a stop to the fighters' activities.

The summons to Washington is, more than anything else, an admission on the part of the U.S. that, in reality, and for some time, it has been a full partner in a struggle it has only pretended to mediate.

Since the first days of the Carter administration, all Middle East policies have been directed toward altering the position of the U.S. in the destinies and decisions of Israel and toward developing strengthened leverage with Saudi Arabia. Both of these efforts had a single objective: to gain American foreign policy dominance in the area.

The first objective has been very successful. The shattering of the unfavorable image of Arabs in American public opinion and the Congress gave enough latitude to accomplish the Middle East arms sale and set the stage for other important moves like the recent sealing of Saudi Arabia on the IMF. But the second objective has not gone quite so well.

Even if the need for U.S. technology were not being severely undercut by other OECD nations, the U.S. simply cannot afford to embargo imports and further complicate her balance of payments ratios. As far as military defense goes, the U.S. must protect the oil fields themselves, for its own economic benefit.

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said, we look forward to

this center with confidence, since any step that it takes today will have its far-reaching effect on our future progress and prosperity.

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A growing rift surfaces in the ranks of Lebanese Americans

By Bob Leibing
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The current congressional row over U.S. economic aid to Syria has highlighted the growing rift in the Arab-American community over how to deal with the ongoing crisis in Lebanon.

The split reflects the divisions within Lebanon itself, and threatens to put an end to the prospect of a strong, unified Arab-American voice on America's Middle East policy.

Two rival Arab-American groups are competing for the attention of Congress and the White House on matters affecting the future of Lebanon.

The American Lebanese League, whose sympathies lie with the rightist factions in Lebanon, is lobbying Congress to cut off U.S. economic aid to Syria, on the grounds that Syrian peace-keeping troops have "massacred Lebanese Christians" in their recent battles with rightist forces in Beirut.

Meanwhile, the National Association of Arab Americans, a six-year-old organization viewed by the Lebanese League as "pan-Arab" and "pro-Palestinian," is lobbying against any

aid cutoff to Syria, warning that such a move could "escalate tensions and hinder the process of reconciliation that is so critical to Lebanon's survival."

The two groups are vying for the support of the large Christian Lebanese-American community, believed to constitute well over two-thirds of the two-million-strong Arab-American community.

The American Lebanese League (ALL), as the newer of the two, welcomes the rivalry. The League believes its right-wing approach to the Lebanese conflict is in tune with the thinking of most Christian Lebanese Americans.

The National Association of Arab-Americans (NAAA), on the other hand, is troubled by the prospect of an all-out "war" for the loyalty and affections of the Lebanese community, a conflict the NAAA feels could seriously damage Arab-American interests and give a boost to another rival group, the pro-Israeli lobby.

NAAA officials say the Lebanese League's gains among Lebanese Christians here are

the result of "emotional appeals" which capitalize on family ties to Lebanon. These appeals have had some success among "politically unformed Lebanese Americans," one NAAA source said.

American Lebanese League members do not deny that emotion plays a major part in the League's efforts to win supporters.

"After all, the lives of our families and friends in Lebanon are on the line," one League member said.

The American Lebanese League was born in 1976 as the result of a policy conflict within the NAAA leadership. Upset over the NAAA's public stand on the Lebanese civil war, some members sympathetic with the Lebanese right defected and formed their own organization.

The ALL's largely Christian membership identifies to a great extent with the political aims of Lebanon's two major rightist parties — the National Liberals of Camille Chamoun and the Phalangists of Pierre Gemayel.

Rightist militia leaders Dory

Chamoun and Bashir Gemayel were featured guest speakers at the League's annual convention in Washington last spring.

Anxious to upstage the "pan-Arab" NAAA, the Lebanese League has launched a series of "media events" in recent months to capture public attention. The group took part in a cedar-tree planting ceremony on the White House grounds, organized anti-Syrian demonstrations in downtown Washington, and ran a full-page advertisement in the "Washington Post" attacking Syria's role in the recent fighting.

The cedar ceremony at the White House was attended by President Carter, Lebanese-American Senator James Abourezk, and a number of Arab-American congressmen.

Abourezk does not support the aims of the American Lebanese League, a fact that resulted in the South Dakota senator being excluded from the ALL's photographs of the ceremony — a difficult feat, since Abourezk was standing right beside President Carter, in the photos.

The July demonstrations protesting against the Syrian role in Beirut were a joint effort staged by the ALL and the North American branch of Chamoun's National Liberal Party.

The protests backfired when several demonstrators invaded the Syrian embassy and were arrested on charges of destroying embassy property. The incident generated adverse publicity for the League, and since then the group has avoided street demonstrations and focused its attention on behind-the-scenes lobbying efforts.

The League played a major role in the lobbying activities that persuaded the House of Representatives to eliminate \$90 million in economic aid to Syria from the Carter administration's new foreign aid package.

The Israeli lobby also pressed for the Syrian aid cutoff in the House, leading political observers here to suspect the creation of an alliance here that parallels the Israeli-right alliance in Lebanon itself.

To counter the efforts of the Lebanese League, the

NAAA has launched a campaign to reassure Lebanese-Americans that its policy toward Lebanon does not favor one faction over another, but instead seeks the restoration of Lebanese government control over all areas of the country and the reconstruction of Lebanon's war-ravaged economy.

The NAAA finds itself in a delicate position. The organization has long relied on the support of Christian Lebanese-Americans, but is not willing to alienate other Arab-Americans in its efforts to maintain that support.

Recent carefully worded statements on Lebanon by the NAAA indicate that the organization is trying to avoid the factional rhetoric that characterizes the statements of the Lebanese League.

"In the long run only a Lebanese national solution can address Lebanon's problems and restore integrity to the society," the NAAA said in a recent release. "This goal cannot be reached without increased authority for the central government."

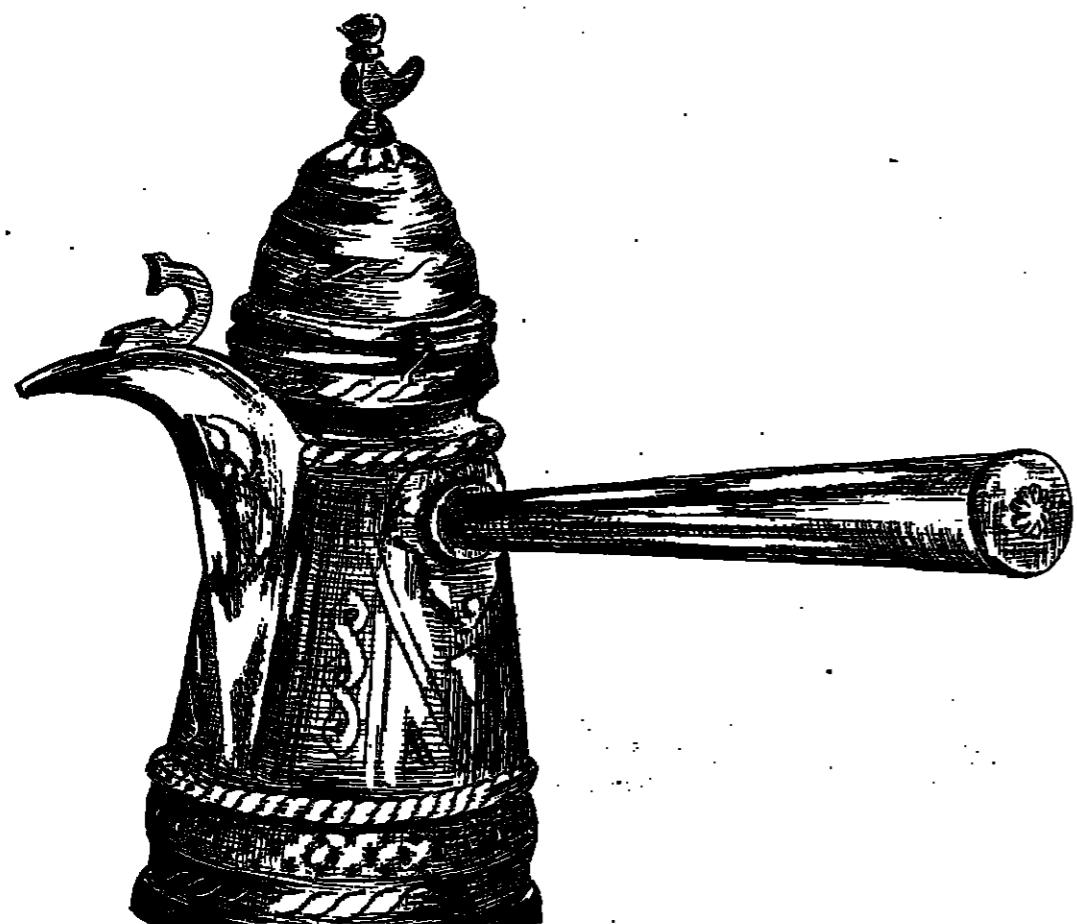
The NAAA noted that "each group in Lebanon must be judged with respect to whether its actions strengthen or weaken the authority of the country's official leadership. Those who say that peace is their objective must accept responsibility for actions which produce the opposite result."

In the NAAA's view, "a withdrawal or assistance could, in fact, affect Syria's present moderation with regard to a peaceful settlement in the Middle East," Sharabi said.

In keeping with its goals of representing the political and social interests of all Arab-Americans, the NAAA cannot afford to adopt a partisan perspective in the manner of the Lebanese League. But at the same time, it cannot risk losing the support of well over a million Lebanese-Americans.

As a result, the organization has been forced to walk a very precarious tightrope. How successful it will be will depend partly on the NAAA's own activities, and partly on the receptivity of the Lebanese-American community. This latter factor, particularly, is still very much an unknown quantity.

Correcting an improper measure of Arabian cuisine in the kitchen



By Susan Arkell
Houston Bureau
If you bake bread with indifference, you bake a bitter bread that feeds but half man's hunger.

Kahil Gibran
HOUSTON — Mastering the art of Mideastern cuisine isn't easy. When student chefs of Madelain Farah began brin-

ging Middle East recipes that continually failed to her class, she decided to do something about it.

"I saw how erroneous Middle Eastern recipes were causing psychological effects on students who sincerely wanted to learn Mideastern cooking," said Farah, a home economics instructor at Portland (Oregon)

Determined to promote au-

thentic Mideastern cuisine and to preserve her family's Lebanese heritage (she was born in Portland, Oregon of Lebanese parents), Farah spent another four years researching and compiling her mother's favorite recipes.

"My mother uses her own special coffee cups and glasses for measuring different ingredients, and often I'd have to pinch of this or that in order to properly measure the amounts," Farah explained during a recent interview in Houston.

Next, a U.S. economist tested each recipe to "prove each was workable" for both American and Mideastern cooks.

Finally, in 1972, Farah published "Lebanese Cuisine." She included "Lebanese" in the title because "so many of today's Mideast cookbooks are not really representative of any one Mideastern cuisine; rather, they are collections of generalities."

Farah, who earned a doctoral degree from the University of Utah, said although American women are very willing to experiment with foreign cuisine, many are reluctant to pursue Mideastern cooking.

"They complain that Mideast food is too spicy, too fattening and too difficult to prepare because ingredients are hard to find," she explained. "All of these complaints are myths."

Most Middle East recipes,

she said, contain simple, natural ingredients that "are very healthy."

Mujaddarah (lentil pottage) contains lentils, water, onions, olive oil, pepper and rice. It's a favorite of Farah's student cooks. "All the ingredients can be found in the supermarket," Farah said. "Once the students understand the dish and how easy it is to prepare, they love it."

Many Middle East cookbooks fail to explain Arabic terms, utensils and techniques used in recipes, Farah added. Her book offers histories of cooking techniques, suggested daily menus, as well as descriptions of which dishes are appropriate on specific holidays.

"In the Middle East, the chief cook in an extended family is queen of her home, and her throne is essentially in the kitchen," Farah writes. "To the homemakers, it is a labor of love."

"Mealtimes is a leisurely and

happy occasion, where the family is brought together in thanksgiving and mirth, and where it is at its closest."

A glossary of Arabic terms for ingredients and utensils is included in the book. There is even an Arab-English index of soup, salad, fish, rice, yogurt and bread dishes.

"Because we use a lot of lamb, I provided suggestions for meat substitutes — like beef," Farah added.

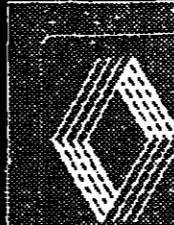
So far, 20,000 copies of the 200-recipe book have been sold in the United States, Europe, Australia and the Middle East. Saudi cooking enthusiasts can find copies at the University Bookstore in Riyadh. The book is available in French and English, and a fourth edition is due to come out in January. Farah is currently trying to publish an Arabic translation.

In the meantime, she is working on another Mideast cookbook, which should be completed this summer. It will focus on promoting understanding of Mideastern cultures and cooking techniques as well as recipes.

Her current book: "Lebanese Cuisine," by Madelain Farah, P.O. Box 66395, Portland, Oregon, 97266.



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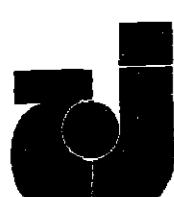
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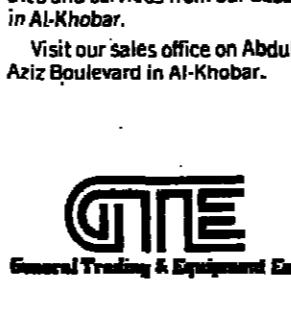
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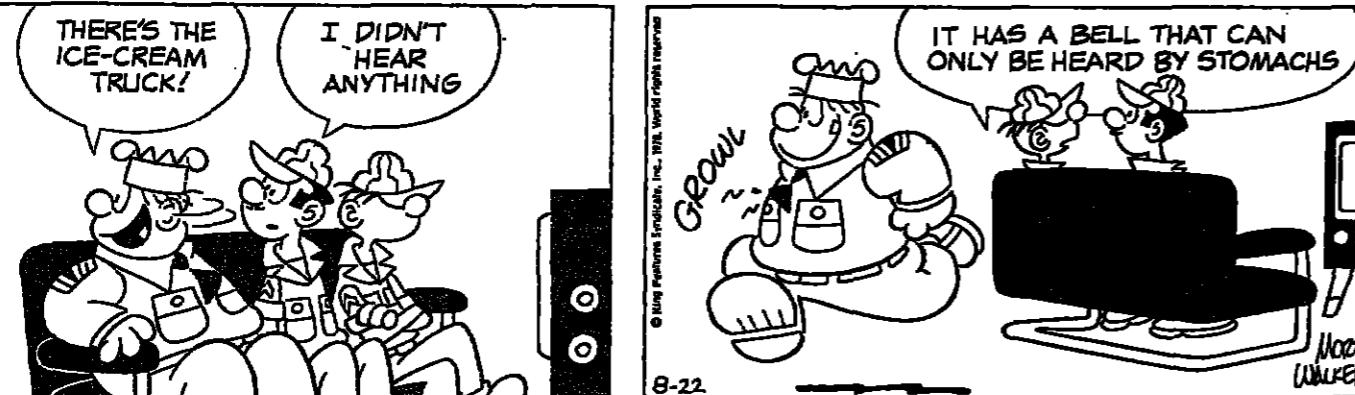
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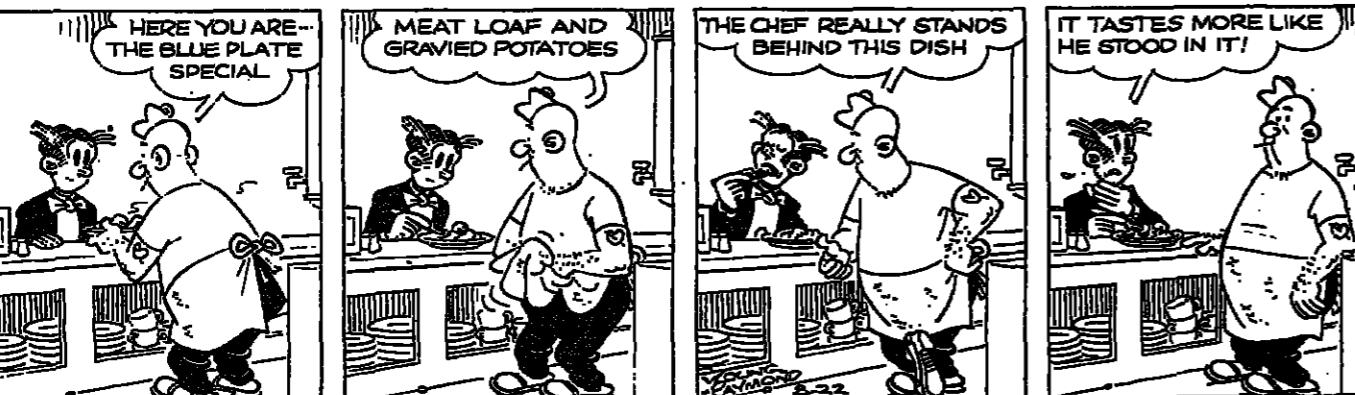
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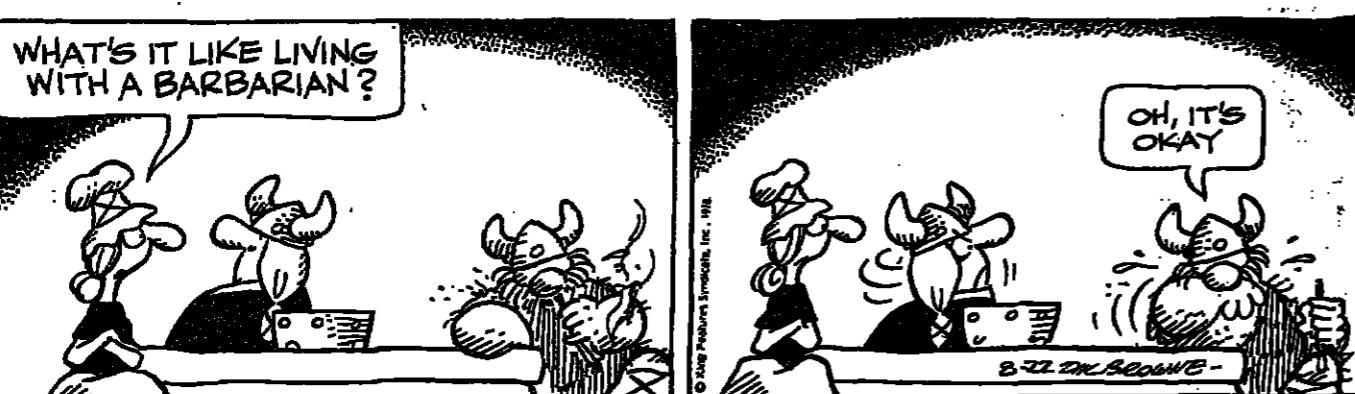
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WEDNESDAY
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 Medina 4:41 6:00 12:31 3:59 6:52 8:52
 Nejd 4:14 5:38 12:02 3:28 6:22 8:22

DAHHRAN TV

5:30 Childrens Show Mr. Rogers No. 1224, Zoom No. 432
 5:00 Man from Atlanta IMP
 5:49 Jokers Wild No. 493
 6:08 Welcome BK Kotter No. 208 Checkin Ala Kotter
 6:33 Harry-O Mysterious Case
 7:24 Health Education Do it for them Mother
 7:25 Beretta Playin police
 8:25 Second run Theater Luv

WEATHER

Forecast for the next 24 hours:
 Rain clouds will gather over the southwestern region and part of the western region offering chances of sporadic thundershowers. It will be moderately hot over the rest of the Kingdom, with surface winds blowing mostly northerly to northwesterly at moderate speed, but active over parts of the eastern and central regions causing dust and sand occasional- ly.

Sea conditions will be calm to moderate in the Red Sea and moderate to choppy in the Gulf.

Tuesday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centi- grade)

Jeddah 36 28 Tabuk 36 21
 Riyadh 41 24 Al-Jauf 37 22
 Dahran 40 25 Raffa 41 20
 Medina 41 31 Qaisouna 41 22
 Taif 32 25 Abha 27 16

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WEDNESDAY
 Afternoon Transmission
 2:00 Opening
 2:01 The Holy Quran
 2:05 Gems of Guidance
 2:10 S.A. — A Daily Chronicle
 2:15 Flashes of Knowledge
 2:30 On Islam
 2:40 Arabic Song
 2:50 Reflections on Fasting
 2:55 Music
 3:00 NEWS
 3:10 Press Review
 3:15 Music
 3:20 How the West was Sung
 3:50 Close Down

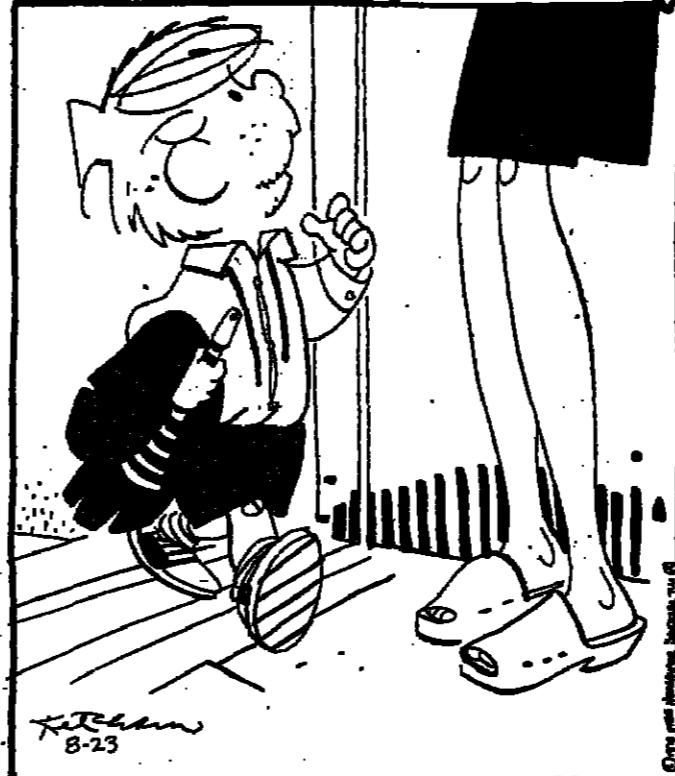
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 10:05 Reflections on Fasting
 10:10 Light Music
 10:15 NEWS
 10:25 S.A. — A Daily Chronicle
 10:30 Music Roundabout
 11:00 Salvation
 11:10 Press Review
 11:15 Sound Sweet and Strange
 11:45 Heritage a Modern Touch
 12:00 Programmes in Focus
 12:15 Classical Music
 12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
 12:59 Close Down

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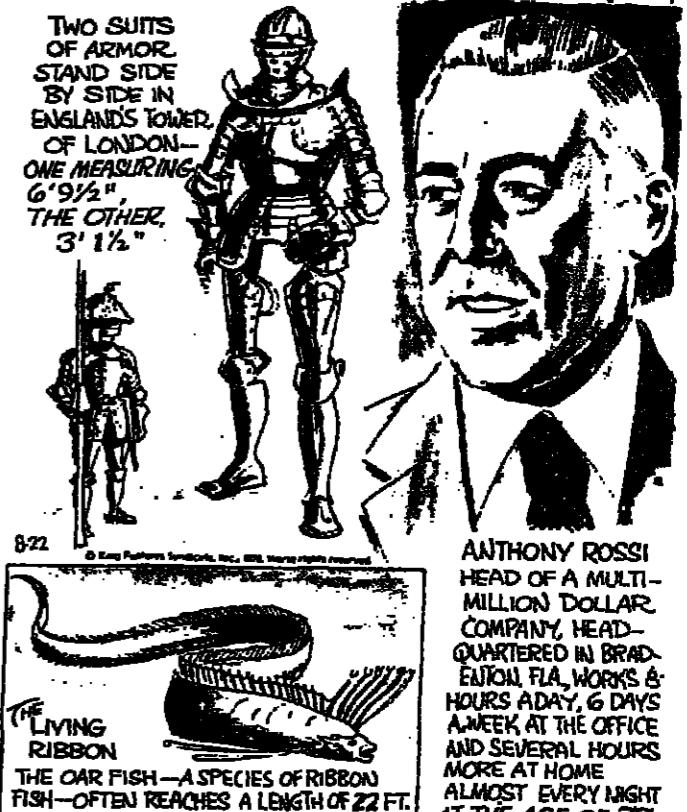
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 8:00 News Roundup:
 Reports; Actuaries;
 Opinion; Analyses
 8:30 Dateline
 News Summary
 9:00 Special English:
 News; Feature; The Making of a Nation
 News Summary
 9:30 Music USA:
 (Standards)
 10:00 News Roundup:
 Reports; Actuaries
 10:15 Opinion; Analyses

News Summary
 10:30 VOA Magazine:
 America; Science;
 Cultural; Letter;
 11:00 Special English; News
 (Jazz)
 12:00 News...newsmakers' voices...correspondents reports...background features...media comments...news analyses.

Dennis the Menace



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That Old Black Magic

West dealer. East-West vulnerable.
 NORTH
 ♠ A 9
 ♦ 3 2
 ♣ A K Q
 ♠ 8 7 6 5 2

WEST EAST
 ♠ J 8 7 ♠ K 10 6 5 4 3
 ♦ 9 7 5 4 ♦ 5 3
 ♣ 8 ♠ 10 9 4 3 2
 ♠ A K J 10 9 ♠ 4

SOUTH
 ♠ Q 2
 ♦ A K Q J 10
 ♣ 9 7 6 5
 ♠ Q 4

The bidding:

West North East South
 Pass 1 ♦ Pass 1 ♦
 Pass 1 NT Pass 3 ♦
 Pass 4 ♦

Opening lead — king of clubs.

The so-called fancy play theoretically occurs only once in a blue moon but there are nevertheless times when a declarer is forced to rely on a play that could very appropriately be termed fancy.

As an illustration, consider this deal where South gets to four hearts and West starts with the K-A-J of clubs. Declarer ruffs and would score ten tricks as easy as pie with a normal 3-2 trump division. But when he leads the A-K of hearts, East shows

play?

This extraordinary play works like a charm when declarer cashes the A-Q of diamonds and next leads the nine of spades. Regardless of which three cards East has in his hand at this point, South is sure to score two of the last three tricks with his holding of Q-2 of spades and jack of diamonds.

Fancy? Of course! But who'd ever quarrel with such a sensational success?



BBC

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR WEDNESDAY AUGUST 23, 1978

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth.

LIBRA

(Sept. 24 to Oct. 23) Productive influences encourage all your endeavors — especially those along creative lines. Some interesting communications indicated.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 24 to Nov. 22) Do the best overall job you can but be careful to differentiate between useful energy and wasted striving.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 to Dec. 21) Be careful what you read into this day. It has fine potential, but all things must be handled with discretion.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Don't plan on expanding activities unless sure they are within wise limits and that you can handle the "extras" without deserting primary interests.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 21 to Feb. 18) Avoid extravagance now. Friction about financial matters is possible with a partner — marital or business. Take no risks whatsoever with assets.

PISCES

(Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) One of your top days for attainment, but strengthen present status before tackling new ventures. Use that extraordinarily good judgment of yours.

San Diego, NL West heat up in baseball

NEW YORK, Aug. 22 (AP) — The San Diego Padres continued their hot play on the road with a 7-3 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies, moving the Padres within seven games of first-place Los Angeles in the National League West.

The triumph was San Diego's 10th straight on an East Coast swing. Pinch-hitter Jerry Turner doubled home Fernando Gonzalez, who had four singles, with the winning run in the eighth.

The Chicago Cubs failed to

gain ground on the first-place Phillies in the NL East when they fell to Houston 8-3. Jose Cruz had four hits and drove in four runs to pace the Astros, who won for the 15th time in their last 17 home games. However, the victory broke a six-game Houston losing streak.

The Cubs trail Philadelphia by three games.

Montreal 4, Los Angeles 2

Montreal defeated Los Angeles 4-2 as Warren Cromartie, Andre Dawson and Gary Carter smashed solo homers, and Ross Grimsley won his 15th

game.

San Francisco 4, New York 2

San Francisco moved within a game of the Dodgers with a 4-2, 11-inning decision over the Mets. Rob Andrews tripled in two runs in the decisive 11th.

St. Louis 14, Cincinnati 9

Cincinnati failed to capitalize on the Dodger loss by dropping a 14-9 verdict to St. Louis. The Cardinals got 23 hits to offset a pair of homers and six RBI by Cincinnati's Ken Griffey.

Detroit 9, Minnesota 6

In the American League, Lance Parrish knocked in six

runs with a grand-slam homer and a triple and Jack Billingham won his ninth game in a row as Detroit topped Minnesota 9-6.

Billingham, 14-5, needed relief in the eighth from John Hiller after surrendering 13 hits. Ron Leflore tied the AL mark for consecutive stolen bases with his 26th straight — he has 57 for the season — in the seventh inning. Leflore tied Mitchell Page's record, set last year for the Oakland A's.

TORONTO 8, Texas 6

Willie Horton's two-run ho-

mer and a five-run fifth inning boosted Toronto to an 8-6 win over Texas.

Baltimore 3, Oakland 2

Mike Flanagan pitched a three-hitter and Eddie Murray cracked a third-inning single to score two unearned runs as Baltimore edged Oakland 3-2 to snap a four-game Orioles' losing streak.

Orantes hangs on for U.S. Pro advance

BROOKLINE, Massachusetts, Aug. 22 (AP) — Defending champion Manuel Orantes recovered from costly lapses and rolled out a hard-earned 6-2, 6-4, 6-4 victory over unseeded Belus Prajoux of Chile today in an opening round of the 51st U.S. Pro Tennis championships at Longwood.

Orantes, a 29-year-old Spaniard seeking to break a prolonged winless slump, breezed through the first set, but was extended the rest of the way as the \$200,000 tournament got underway.

Prajoux, a 23-year-old Davis Cup player unranked in the top 100 of the Association of Tennis Professionals, came close to pulling a major upset before Orantes settled down.

Orantes, seeded fourth, lost the second set as he was broken in the 12th game. The set went 14 minutes.

However, Orantes appeared to settle down and raced to a 5-1 lead in the third set with service breaks in the third and fifth games. He then had another lapse and Prajoux closed ground with a service break in the eighth game.

Prajoux held service in the next game, but Orantes closed out the match by holding in the tenth.

Orantes was the first seeded player to be tested in the eight-day tournament on Longwood's Clay Courts. Eddie Dibbs, the newly-crowned Canadian Open champion, got a day of rest.

Dibbs, beaten by Orantes for the U.S. Pro title last year, is the No. 1 seed as one of the hottest players in the world today.

Mexico's Raul Ramirez, seeded second, and Italy's Corrado Barazzutti, seeded third, also had delayed first round matches.

Several of the glamour boys in pro tennis bypassed the Longwood event to get ready for the U.S. Open next week. They included Jimmy Connors, Bjorn Borg and Guillermo Vilas.

In Atlanta, Georgia, fifth-seeded Tom Leonard of the United States was defeated by Christopher Freys of France in opening-day play at the "Atlanta Journal-Constitution" Open international tennis championships.

Freys beat Leonard, 6-3, 6-2, in a match marked by a dispute over a baseline call.

Yvonne Vermaak of South Africa upset seventh-seeded Kathy May, 6-1, 7-5 in the opening round of the \$75,000 Bergen women's tennis classic in Mahwah, New Jersey.

"Yvonne played very steady and I just missed too many easy shots," said May, who lost her service in the crucial

11th game of the second set when she missed two easy volleys.

Laura Dupont, who won the U.S. Clay Courts and German Open championships in 1977, but who has been experiencing difficulties this season, rallied to defeat Michelle Taylor of England, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3.

In night action, Jeanne Evert of the United States and Renata Tomanova of Czechoslovakia scored victories in three-set matches.

Evert rallied to beat Valerie Ziegelnfuss of the United States, 2-6, 7-6, 6-4 with a 7-3 score in the tie breaker.

Tomanova advanced to the second round with a 7-5, 2-6, 6-0 victory over Jeanne DuVall of the United States.

Japan's Nakano wins sprint race

MUNICH, West Germany, Aug. 22 (AP) — Koichi Nakano of Japan beat West German Dieter Bergmann in three races Monday to retain the world professional sprint cycling championship.

The race was the final event in the 1978 World Cycling championships.

The 22-year-old Nakano won the decisive third heat by more than a bike length, clocking 11.17 secs. over the last 200 meters of the Munich Velodrome track. The German won the silver medal.

In the bronze medal race, Yoshihiko Sugano of Japan beat Giordano Turini of Italy in three races, clocking 11.05 in the last race and hitting a speed of 65.095 kph.

The 22-year-old gold medalist won the championship last year in Venezuela. He is one of Japan's top paid athletes, earning \$330,700 last year in professional races in Japan.

Noel de Jongheer of Belgium won the gold medal in the amateur points race ahead of Walter Baumgartner of Switzerland and Jean-Jacques Rebiere of France.

The Belgian earned his country's first gold medal at the six-day track event by covering 50 kilometers on the Munich Olympic Velodrome in 1:01:30.85 hrs., earning 43 points.

Baumgartner earned the silver medal in the 150-lap event with 38 points and Rebiere collected 29 points.

STREAMLINER: English cyclist Koichi Nakano, left, and West German Dieter Bergmann, right, compete in the 1978 World Cycling championships.

U.S. Sprint

BERLIN, Aug. 22 (UPI) —

U.S. sprinters Christopher Woodhead and Louis Lanzo set meet records Tuesday in qualifying for the 1978 World 200-meter freestyle and 100-meter backstroke trials to the 1980 Summer Olympics.

Woodhead finished his elimination heat for the finals in 20.15, 14th fastest in the world. Lanzo, of Holland's Erkko Bongers and world record-holder Barbara Krause of East Germany, Peira Tuermer, of East Germany, heralded as one of the leading swimmers, dropped out of the elimination.

Jacek finished his heat in 1:03.22, just ahead of East German Birgit Trilbe, at 1:03.49. Britain's Margaret Kelly took first place in the breaststroke elimination with a meet record time of 1:03.71.

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Sports Shorts

● BAGUIO CITY, Philippines (Agencies) — Anatoly Karpov and Viktor Korchnoi quickly settled for a draw Tuesday in the cautious 15th game of the World Chess championship.

Karpov, who leads the series 3-1 after two victories on Sunday, accepted Korchnoi's offer of a draw on the 24th move.

● BOMBAY, India (AP) — Vinod Mankad considered the greatest all-rounder in the history of Indian cricket, died at a Bombay hospital Monday after long illness. He was 61.

● LISSONE, Italy (AP) — Giuseppe Saronni, co-captain of the Italian national team in the forthcoming World Open Road Cycling Race at Nürburgring, Monday won the Agostoni Cup event outsprinting nine other competitors at the finish line in this North Italian town.

Saronni was clocked in 5 hours and 20 minutes over the 209-kilometer course for an average speed of 39.187 kph.

Italian champion Pierino Gavazzi placed second and another Italian, Giovambattista Baronchelli, finished third.

● NEW YORK, (AP) — Billie Jean King and Ray Ruffels, mixed doubles partners for the New York Apples of World Team Tennis, have been fined \$300 each for their tirade against an employee of the Seattle Cascades, an Apples spokesman, said Monday.

The fine, imposed by WTT commissioner Butch Buchholz, stems from an incident in Seattle two weeks ago in which King and Ruffels blew up at the scoreboard keeper, who reportedly had been rooting openly for the home team.

● LONDON, (AP) — Steve Bocci turned in another good spin bowling performance Monday and helped the New Zealand cricket team to beat Worcestershire by seven wickets at Worcester.

Bocci, who had taken four wickets for 36 in Worcestershire's first innings, claimed another four for 60 in the second innings and finished with match figures of eight for 96.

Kent, leaders in the English County championship, stepped up their bid for the title by defeating Gloucestershire by ten wickets at Folkestone, in two days. Richard Hill destroyed Gloucestershire by taking six for 64 with his medium paced deliveries after the West County team had followed on.

● LSEDS, England (AP) — Jock Stein, the manager who made Glasgow Celtic one of the great soccer teams of Europe, Monday accepted the job of manager of Leeds United in the English first division.

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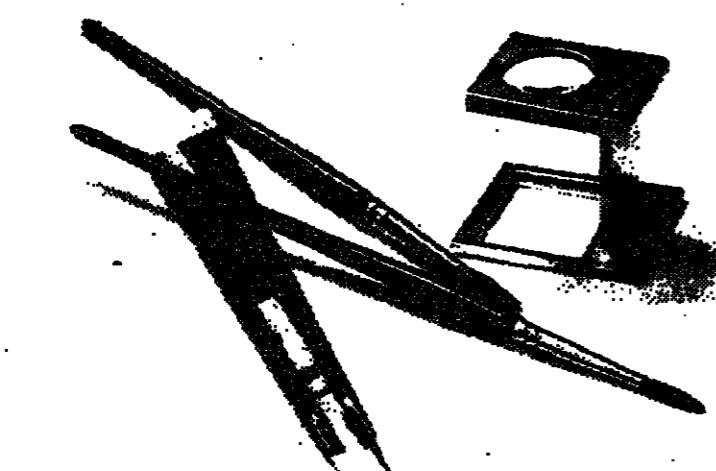
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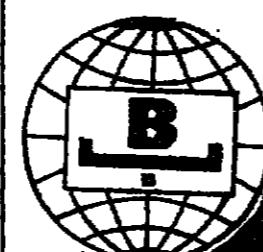
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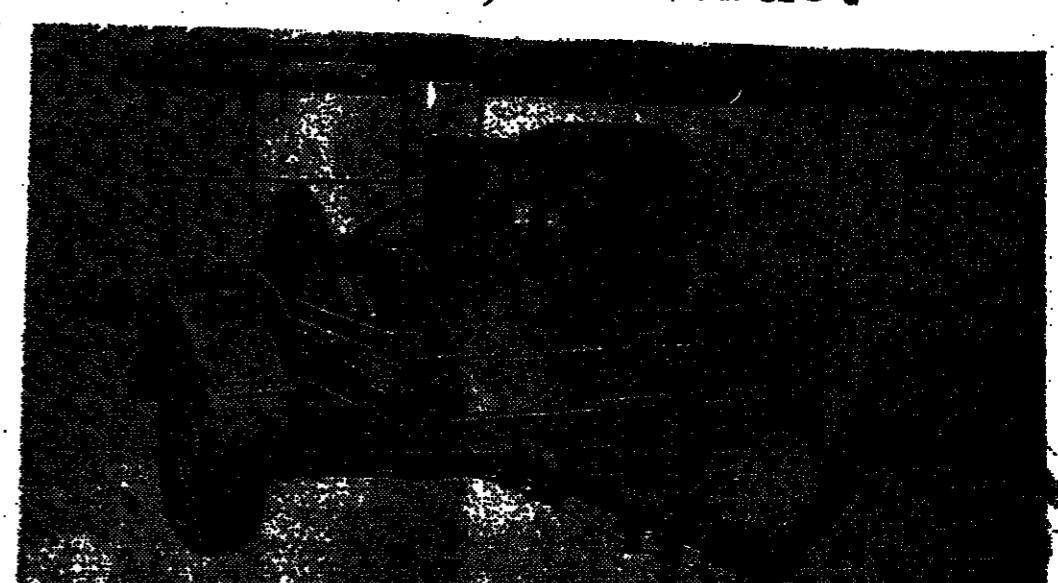


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400,000 to welcome

Chairman Hua tours Belgrade

BELGRADE, Aug. 22 (R) — Hua Kuo-feng, the first Chinese Communist Party chairman to venture west of Moscow, Tuesday received a rousing welcome from about 400,000 people when he toured Belgrade on the second day of his visit to Yugoslavia.

The reception, believed the biggest and most elaborate for a foreign visitor here, underscored the dramatic improvement in relations between Yugoslavia and China during the last two years, after a long

period of hostility.

Hua, who arrived early Monday from Romania, expressed strong support for Yugoslavia's independence in a major speech Monday night, called for closer relations between Peking and Belgrade and lashed out at what he called Soviet expansionist policies.

He had already attacked Moscow in a speech in Bucharest which drew an angry response from the Kremlin, but his attack here was far more bitter.

The Soviet Union has accused Hua of using his trip to the Balkans as a platform for slanderous attacks, of sowing hatred and being obsessed with anti-Sovietism.

Western diplomats said Moscow was deeply perturbed by the visit and saw it as an attempt to gain a foothold in a traditional sphere of Soviet influence.

President Tito and Hua, accompanied by top aides, held a second round of talks after the tour, during which officials said they discussed global politics and ways to improve relations.

The two-hour session centred on detente, the situation in Africa and particularly the Horn, the Middle East and southeast Asia, the officials said.

Hua briefed Tito on Chinese foreign policy, including growing links with the West and "Chinese relations with certain countries" — an apparent reference to Peking's strained

relations with Moscow and Hanoi.

The leaders' aides, including foreign and other ministers, were to confer in more detail on international problems and expanded cooperation in political, economic, trade and technical fields.

China and Yugoslavia aim to increase two-way trade from about \$200 million this year to \$500 million by 1980.

The nonaligned movement, in which China has shown increasing keen interest as a way of countering the spread of Soviet influence in Third World countries, was certain to figure prominently in the talks.

Tito, 86, the only surviving founder of the 87-nation body and host of turbulent meetings of nonaligned foreign ministers here last month, recently criticised Soviet attempts to use Cuba and other countries to tilt the grouping towards Moscow.

Hua used the topic of nonalignment in his banquet speech to assail "hegemony" — Communist jargon for Soviet domination. His attacks carried particular force since Yugoslavia and Romania pursue policies independent of Moscow, although Romania is formally a member of the Soviet bloc.

Hegemonic forces were attempting to undermine the nonaligned movement for their ends, he said. "They are trying at all costs to disrupt the unity of the nonaligned movement to divert it and subordinate it to their own hegemonic objectives. We resolutely support the struggle of Yugoslavia to safeguard the unity of the nonaligned movement."

Federal crime office chief



PRISON FIRE: Smoke rises from the Australian prison where convicts rioted. (Story page 4)

Top West German terrorists 'evaded police in disguise'

BONN, Aug. 22 (AP) — West Germany's three most wanted terrorist suspects evaded police two weeks ago after disguising themselves as a television crew to film a maximum-security prison from a chartered helicopter.

Horst Herold told reporters

Tuesday that police, tipped off by an air charter company that a suspicious trio had rented a helicopter, clandestinely photographed them at the airstrip at Michelstadt, southwest of Frankfurt, on Aug. 4.

Police did not realize until after developing the photos

that the suspects were Christian Klar, 36, Willy Peter Stoll, 38, and Adelheid Schulz, 33, "the three highest-ranking terrorists," said Herold, who directs police anti-terrorist operations from Wiesbaden.

Not realising how important the suspects were, police at the airstrip had decided not to arrest them and instead shadowed them as they drove off in a cream-colored Mercedes.

But the suspects apparently became aware they were being followed and shook off the police in the wooded Odenwald region around Michelstadt.

"We could have wished for a different decision from the responsible official" who opted for shadowing instead of arresting the three, Interior Minister Gerhart Baum said at the same news conference.

"He allowed a great success to slip through his fingers."

"They are the suspected murderers of Buback, Ponto

and Schleyer," Herold said. He was referring to a string of sensational terror strikes by the anarchist Red Army Faction last year in which Federal Chief Prosecutor Siegfried Buback, leading banker Juergen Ponto and kidnapped industrialist Hanns-Martin Schleyer were slain.

Herold said police have established that the trio, identifying themselves as a commercial television crew, chartered helicopters on at least four occasions to make aerial films of parts of southwestern Germany.

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U.S. 'unaware of decision' on OPEC oil price rise

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22 (UPI) — The United States said Tuesday it was not aware of any decision by OPEC and particularly Saudi Arabia to increase the price of crude petroleum later this year.

However, State Department spokesman Tom Reston confirmed "many members within the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries at present are urging another oil price increase

increase.

"But I want to say clearly that no date has been made about such a purported increase and have no information that Saudi Arabia, in particular, has decided on its position. Therefore an official comment by me would be inappropriate," he added when asked about oil price increase statements attributed to Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmed Za-

ki Yamani.

According to the Jeddah-based "Al-Medina" and the "Middle East Economic Survey," Sheikh Ahmad has mentioned the possibility of gradual price increases this year and that such an approach would not damage the world economy.

"We have seen reports on remarks made by Yamani," Reston said.

"Saudi Arabia—with the support of certain other producers—has played a major role in holding the OPEC price frozen since mid-1977."

"We considered that decision responsible in light of world economic and financial conditions," he said. He was referring to the price freeze approved by OPEC during its last full ministerial meeting, held in Caracas, in December 1977.

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have asked their nationals to avoid any ostentatious acts such as big parties during the mourning period.

Following the Abadan fire, some big hotels and restaurants began searching the bags of anyone entering the premises.

The "Times" called for discussions on a change in the 1961 Vienna convention which allows diplomatic bags to enter a country without being checked.

There are widespread fears that they are being used for bringing arms into Britain.

Asked to comment on reports that following the London attack, Israel had asked the British government to close down the London office of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), British officials said there had been no recent contacts between Britain and Israel about this.

The officials pointed out that there was no PLO office as such in London.

They added that there was a PLO representative who worked with the Arab League in London.

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He also said that the necessary sums had been allocated for the expansion of the telecommunications network.

He added that the main telex network which had only 750 lines had been raised to 6,700 lines and will be further increased to 12,700 lines.

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by the Higher Committee for Administrative Reform on the application of the provisions of the Civil Service Law and Statute on public corporations.

In view of the commercial character of Saudi Arabia, it had been decided to exclude the company from the law until a feasibility study on turning it into a corporation and changing its structure has been completed.

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He added that there are Israeli experts in the ranks of the alliance and that Israeli military and political support is being extended regularly to the rightist militias.

Arafat called for a frank

Arab position toward the Lebanese situation as well as for a national unity of the country's Muslims and Christians who reject to cooperate with the enemy and oppose the partition of Lebanon.

After meeting with Arafat Prince Abdullah reiterated the Kingdom's firm position on the Palestinian problem and its full support for the Palestinian people's rights.

Palestinian officials said the PLO leader briefed Saudi leaders on recent developments of the Palestinian revolution.

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Indira to appear in court today on election charges

NEW DELHI, Aug. 22 (R)

Mrs. Gandhi was next day when the chief metropolitan magistrate here was "no reasonable for believing the a were well founded."

Her supporters fought battle with police the court and later again with police out-house of Prime Minister Rajiv Desai.

But strict security will be in force. Orders have been issued banning demonstrations or slogan shouting near the court.

Mrs. Gandhi is to appear before a sessions court charged with five others with conspiracy and criminal misconduct in obtaining 139 jeeps without payment for use in the 1977 general election campaign.

She is alleged to have used 35 of the jeeps in her own constituency of Rae Bareli in Uttar Pradesh state.

It will be Mrs. Gandhi's second court appearance since her fall from power 17 months ago.

The charge is virtually the same as one on which she was arrested last October and held overnight in police custody.

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